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Mothers' Day Carnations are ripe in the Valley of the Moon

Yes, this coming Sunday is Mothers' day; you'll be honoring all mothers everywhere if you'll wear a carnation that day, red if your mother is living, white if no longer with you. A nice gift would be a potted plant, cut flowers, or a blooming shrub.

Fathers' day comes along in about a month, June 17, to be exact. You could get him a tie ('most everybody does), box of cigars, or what-not. If nothing else, give him a friendly pat on the back. He'll like it.

They're called "declining years" because you have to turn down 'most everything you like to do. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR.

GIFTS all through the store for Mothers' Day. She'll be pleased when her gift comes from RUGGLES STORE, Sonoma.

Kids and grownups will have their "day" the following Sunday, May 20, when Recreation park in Boyes is formally dedicated. A plaque will be placed on the wall of the new park center building, built mostly by the Valley of the Moon Lions club, honoring the many who helped in the construction. A new flashboard dam has been completed at the river, and the artificial lake thus created will be stocked with catchable fish the previous day, and kids will be allowed to catch a limit of five. Hot dogs will be free to all kids, paid for by contributions, largest one so far of \$25 from the Boyes Hot Springs Merchants' association.

LITTLE SWITZERLAND, El Verano. Dancing Saturday nights, Sunday afternoons. Swiss food. Good music. Happy visitors.

HOOKE OAKS TRAILER COURT, Hiway 12. Groceries. Shell products. Propane gas. Trainer space in grove for rent.

Dean of women at a coed college: "The president and I have decided to stop necking on the campus, etc. Furthermore all the kissing that's been going on under my nose must be stopped."

ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. Gathering place for the discriminating. Fine food and excellent bar. **THE INSKEEPS.**

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Plaza corner, Boyes. Complete car service, friendly but not forward. **Bud Delaney, Proprietor.**

The new Boyes park will get quite a play this year, what with new tennis courts, rest rooms, concession stand, picnic tables with outdoor cooking facilities. The recreation commission's plans include constant improvement of the spacious grounds, and addition of new facilities for games and contests and exhibitions.

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Stein Club headquarters. Draft beer. Mixed drinks. **HARVEY and MELINA** your hosts.

SONOMA MISSION INN, Boyes. Known nationwide as a stand-out hostelry, where good food, drinks and service are best.

Carl and Sybil Amante's new supper club in Glen Ellen won't get opened by May 18 as at first planned. Material shortages and delays of one kind or another held up some of the construction schedules. Target date now is Memorial day. Carl tells us the official name of the new establishment will be the Town House.

LARSON'S LIQUOR & SPORTING GOODS

Sportsmen's Center — Fishermen's and Hunters' Supplies
MANCUSO WINES, grower-produced. Glen Ellen. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, better than most.

Every once in a while we tell our butcher that some day we're coming in with scads of money and buy some of just about everything in his cases that we like. That includes all of his stock except mutton (he says he only carries lamb), brains, and tripe. Maybe we could learn to like tripe though it's doubtful.

TOWNSEND'S—Next to Bank of America, Sonoma. Shoes for the entire family. Specializing in work and sports clothes.

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

Such a difference! While they were long in coming, the Hot Springs area now has an efficient sewer system. But we lived for four years in Chatsworth, actually a part of Los Angeles city, and there aren't any sewers there, not much chance they'll have any for a long time. During winter rains, a 2 or 3-inch fall always means floods and damage. Every street is so constructed, with high middle crowns, that water rushes along, forming huge lakes at every inter-

section. You're likely to be unable to reach communities only a few miles away, and many detours and roundabout routes must be taken many times for a journey of a mile or two. We're pretty lucky here.

BANCROFT NURSERY, Sonoma. Mothers' Day May 13. Nothing finer than a growing potted plant, cut flowers, or a fine shrub.

HAZEL'S HOUSE OF CHARM, 18375 Hwy. 12, Boyes. Cold waves, hair styling, tints, dyes. Paris license. Eves by appoint. WE 8-5829.

A young lawyer had just hung out his sign and was being kidded unmercifully because it read: A SWINDLER, Lawyer. "Wouldn't it look better if you used your first name instead of just the initial?" suggested a friend. The lawyer shook his head. "That would only make it worse," he said. "You see, my first name is Adam."

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

DEMOCRATS: Vote your Stevenson-Kefauver choice, but for the State Legislature support Assemblyman Dick McCollister.

What do the males of Boyes do when they need a shoe shine? We've never found out. The do-it-yourselves undoubtedly shine their own shoes, but it's a job we never learned how to do well. We go to some shoe repair shop and let 'em put the shoes on their big whirling brushes.

Some years ago in a local tavern they had a shoe shining machine. You inserted a dime, put your feet under brushes that distributed polish over the footwear, then to two other brushes that gave the finishing polish. Quick and easy and a real convenience. But it's gone now, and nobody's been able to see that it could be quite an attraction—and maybe profitable. And why doesn't some young lad or two set themselves up in the shoe-shining business? Going price nowadays is about a quarter, five times greater than the old standard nickel shine. But worth it.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. Clown room for after the game refreshments. Dine in our luxury room, overlooking pool.

WOODLEAF MARKET, Boyes. You can always save money here on food for your family. Super values every day. Watch our ads.

Her: "Dear, did you notice that Mrs. Jones has another new hat?"

Him (thinking fast): "Yes, but if she were as attractive as you are, darling, she wouldn't have to rely on millinery so much."

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MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Expert watch service. Jewelry for everybody. Watches. Shavers. Watch Bands. Rings.

FIRESIDE LODGE, Hiway 12 west of Sonoma. Barbecued chicken, chops, steaks, spareribs. Superb food. Cocktails.

Once there was a depression. When it was over, we weren't sitting so good. People in our town (probably here, too) used all possible means to get enough money to get by on. One fellow came around selling blankets—big double ones, made of cotton, and sold them for about \$9, house to house. You paid 50 cents a week, but the young fellow sold enough so he really made money. Think we bought two of them—and still have them, somewhat thinned down, but what could one expect? The depression was about 25 years ago.

Real estate headquarters — sales or rentals—WOODS-FRANQUELIN CO., Boyes Springs Branch. Fast service. Personal attention. **FIELDS UNION SERVICE, Main Corner, Boyes.** Union Oil products. Experienced mechanic on duty. Guaranteed service.

Moonbeams makeup man last week got three little two-line ads all balled up. Did you notice? Promise it'll not happen again—anyway not for a long time. Otherwise the paper had nary a typographical error in the whole business.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Banquet facilities deluxe. Dancing, Dining. Paul at the organ. One-stop resort. Swim pool.

MOVING and STORAGE. CLOUSE DELIVERY SERVICE. WE 8-2467, Sonoma. BOB CLOUSE, Your Friendly Mover.

You know we have to deliver Moonbeams all over the area we cover every Friday, mostly in the morning. Seems like since the first week in December it's rained darn near every Friday, and a nice warm delivery day would be appreciated so very much. The rains aren't any good for headgear.

ADOBE DRUG (Ray S. Duer), 417 First St. W., Sonoma. WE 8-2971

Prescription Specialists Veterinary Supplies

GLEN ELLEN LIQUOR STORE, On Arnold Drive. Complete selection of fine wines and liquors. "SLIM" WALLACE.

Bud Vise's garage is headquarters for a splendid garage mechanic. But ever since he's been in the building on Calle del Monte his doorknob has been missing. "Physician, heal thyself," someone said once. Bud says the round opening is wonderful for bringing in fresh air—but that sometime he'll fix it.

FRANK'S HARDWARE, Castner Bldg., Boyes. Complete stocks and super service. Paints, Tools, Glass, Gardening Supplies.

BUD'S GARAGE, Calle del Monte, opp. Food Center, Boyes. Your best bet for car repairs, all makes. Phone WE 8-3971.

In addition to dahlias, these bulbs can be planted now for late summer and early autumn color: Watsonia, gladiolus, canna, tuberous begonia and accidanthera.

FOR — REDWOOD HANGING BASKET or PATIO PLANTER
Mail \$1.55 to P. O. BOX 398, EL VERANO, CALIF.

No political guerilla warfare this week. Time for that a bit later this year. All of us, however, must be interested in the hot democratic presidential preference race in two crucial states—Florida May 29, California June 5—between Kefauver and Stevenson.

Stevenson is the choice of the state organization, with Kefauver the fair-haired lad of the rank and file voters. Anyway that's the way it looks to us. Whether Estes can beat the heavily entrenched machine bosses is the big question. And the winner in Florida and California, can he be nominated at the Chicago convention in July? Your guess is as good as ours, but we're betting neither one gets it. The democratic nominee at best has slight chance of getting elected, but there's honor in being named the standard bearer.

BOYES SPRINGS FOOD CENTER. Convenient, one-stop market, with just about everything in stock. Low-priced, too.

BOYES VARIETY STORE, on the Hiway. When you start to "fix up" remember we've got everything you'll need. Cards. Souvenirs.

Remember, back a few months, we said we'd never vote for more money to build new schools until the powers that be started using the present school plants to capacity? Now comes an expert who believes much as we do. He suggests a system of using teacher assistants—to handle classwork, discipline, chores, and some bookwork. He says: "Schools cannot afford three-month shut-downs much longer. They'll have to run at least 11 months—until the four-quarter plan can be made statewide."

Furthermore, he says the people can't afford much longer to employ teachers as baby-sitters. Kindergarten's got to go. Also the first two grades. Experts say the child loses nothing if he starts his schooling at 8 years. Other recommendations include incentive pay for teachers, with a substantial part of it held in a lay-away fund for 15 years. He says these high-pay teachers will teach wholesale—like college lecture courses—simultaneously holding forth in all schools via closed circuit television.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. On duty: Gunner, Ruth or Manny. A tavern reminiscent of the good old days. You'll like it.

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters Springs. Bring your laundry here, get through fast, enjoy yourself. Modern equipment. Low cost.

Verdier's Resort in El Verano will open for the season, its 36th, on Saturday, May 19. Major improvements at the resort have been completed during the off-season, and contract has been signed which will bring the famed Cavaliers here for orchestra music every Saturday night for dancing. Juke box records will be used during the week.

Verdier's has a real reputation for its excellent cuisine and delightfully clear and clean pool, its background of redwood, gardens, trees, garden furniture, flowers, and lawns for the sun bathers. Make it a point to visit Verdier's a few times this summer and see for yourself.

GEORGE'S MEATS, at Food Center, Boyes. Tender meats, highest quality always. Cut to suit you. Cheese. Specialties.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Italian food at its best. Club dinners and banquets. Varied menu—all good. Cocktails.

TIRED, WEARY? READ THIS, FROM SOUTH CAROLINA!

"Do you know how to avoid being lost in a swamp? Stay out of the swamp.

"When you become wrinkled with care and worry, it is time to have your faith lifted.

"Better sit in the back row and be discovered than to sit in the front row and be found out.

"Forgetfulness is a virtue only when you forget the grievances you have against other people.

"There isn't anything a grown man can buy that tastes as good as an ice cream cone does to a youngster.

"Don't worry about your hair falling out. Think how bad it would be if it ached and you had to have it pulled.

"Don't tell folks how bad you feel; nobody gives a darn except your creditors, the insurance man and the undertaker.

"Life is a grindstone and whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends on the stuff he's made of.—Josh Billings.

"News item: Overcome by leaking gas fumes while taking a bath, Miss Jones owes her life to the watchfulness of the janitor."

DENNY'S C.O.G. CLUB, Boyes. Sportsmen love it. Congenial folks gather daily for a chat and liquid refreshments.

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. They say our meats are wonderful. Special low prices on Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Assemblyman McCollister has served us well in the State Legislature. We should reelect him.

THINK IT OVER

A harried, high-strung businessman, constantly worried by an over-burden of work he felt responsible to do, had come to his psychiatrist for advice.

"I can't sleep at night, doctor," he complained, nervously fidgeting with his hat and the arms of his chair. "And I've been nervous and quick-tempered at the office lately. What can I do?"

"I think you'd better follow a new schedule," the psychiatrist advised. "First, plan to complete only six hours of work in an eight-hour day. And second, spend one day each week at a cemetery."

"At a cemetery?" echoed the amazed patient. "What am I supposed to do there?"

"Nothing much," the psychiatrist replied calmly. "Just look around. Get acquainted with some of the men who are in there permanently. And remember that they didn't finish their work either. Nobody does, you know."

VALLEY OF THE MOON REALTY, 222 W. Napa, Sonoma. Friendliest service in the Valley. A. J. Bourdy, owner. Harry White assists.

MENDEL'S CAFE, on the Plaza, Boyes. You'll be proud to bring your visitors here for a dinner and refreshments.

OUCH! THE SEASON FOR CULEX PIPIENS IS HERE!

This is the time of year you usually can't just lean back comfortably in a cool camp chair in the shade without being jarred out of your seat by the sudden, sharp prick of *Culex pipiens* or one of her cousins.

If you're wondering how such a delicate insect, which one entomologist has described as "really a beautiful little creature," can deal out so hefty a jolt, here are some facts that may surprise you.

The mosquito's stinger weighs only one six-millionth of an ounce, but it helped bring several ancient civilizations, including Rome, to the dust. The populace never knew that the dread "malaria," or "bad" air, was not spread by the night breezes.

Don't be alarmed if you see a male mosquito hovering about. He's strictly a vegetarian and knows from experience that he can't get under your skin. It's the gal who packs the wallop. How to recognize the males? They're bushier around the head.

Itching is caused not by the bite itself but by a secretion of the mosquito's salivary gland. Acting as an irritant, it brings the blood quickly to the surface of your skin, sparing the insect the trouble of bending over. If you're lucky, you may react less strongly to the secretion than other people.

Mosquitoes are found as high as 13,000 feet above sea level, but they rarely stray more than a few miles from the spot where they are hatched. In one season a female may have as many as 31,000,000 descendants—in only four generations.

Of 350 species in America the only one capable of infecting you with malaria is the Anopheles, which is found mostly in hot and swampy regions.

The army uses DDT to spray mosquito-ridden areas and distributes ointments and repellents liberally.

The most effective army repellent, issued for the first time three years ago, is called "6-2-2."

One way to discourage mosquitoes is to wear light-colored clothing. Recent tests in Oregon proved that black, red and blue are the insect's favorite colors, white and yellow the least popular. In one half-minute period researchers counted 1499 mosquitoes on a black shirt, 520 on a white one.

During the war the army tested 4000 repellents and unearthed some helpful new facts. Mosquitoes prefer you, for instance, when you're overheated. And they like you better wet than dry. They shy away from tough, hairy skins, but often they don't quit on the first try.

Tests also showed that darkness doesn't protect you. Female mosquitoes can find you with their eyes shut; the carbon dioxide you exhale excites their thirst for blood.

You can find lots of novel things to keep the little buzzers away; outdoor lights with electric shock attachments, kerosene or fuel oil sprayed on stagnant water, screens, traps, fast footwork or the palm of your hand. But sooner or later this summer, in spite of everything, you will yell, "Ouch! He got me!"

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